

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DEREK MATTHEWS ) Case No.: 2:22-cv-01329 DJC CSK P  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
A. TOUT, B. SYSOMBATH, and DOE )  
DEFENDANTS 1-10 )  
Defendants. )  
ORDER AND STIPULATED )  
PROTECTIVE ORDER )

The Court has reviewed the parties' stipulated protective order below (ECF No. 91), and finds it comports with the relevant authorities and the Court's Local Rule. See L.R. 141.1. Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Court APPROVES the protective order (ECF No. 91),<sup>1</sup> subject to the following clarification.

The Court’s Local Rules indicate that once an action is closed, it “will not retain jurisdiction over enforcement of the terms of any protective order filed in that action.” L.R. 141.1(f); see Bylin Heating Sys., Inc. v. Thermal Techs., Inc., 2012 WL 13237584, at \*2 (E.D. Cal. Oct. 29, 2012) (noting that courts in the district generally do not retain jurisdiction for disputes concerning protective orders after closure of the case). Thus, the Court will not retain jurisdiction over this protective order once the case is closed.

Dated: February 4, 2025

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Chi Soo Kim  
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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

<sup>1</sup> In light of this order, the Court has removed “proposed” from the order’s title throughout the document.

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26 } **ORDER AND STIPULATED  
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28 **1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

29 Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of  
30 confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public  
31 disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted.  
32 The types of information that the parties seek to protect under this protective order include, but  
33 are not limited to, (1) investigation files, (2) confidential prisoner records, (3) medical records,  
34 and (4) the personal identifying information of the Defendants. A protective order is necessary  
35 for the following particularized reasons: (1) to protect confidential information, (2) to protect  
36 Plaintiff's privacy with regard to portions of his prison records that are not relevant to the  
37 incident at issue, (3) to protect Plaintiff's patient privacy and protected health information, and

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1 (4) to protect the safety and security interests of the California Department of Corrections and  
2 Rehabilitation. The parties agree that this listing is prospective only and that it should not be  
3 taken as a representation by either party that responsive documents exist in any specified  
4 category or will be produced.

5 The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all  
6 disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and  
7 use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment  
8 under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge that this Stipulated  
9 Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal and that the  
10 local rules set forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied  
11 when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

12 **2. DEFINITIONS**

13 2.1 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of  
14 information or items under this Order.

15 2.2 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of how it is  
16 generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule  
17 of Civil Procedure 26(c).

18 2.3 Counsel: Counsel of Record for the parties and the support staff for such counsel.

19 2.4 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that  
20 it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
21 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”.

22 2.5 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the  
23 medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things,  
24 testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or  
25 responses to discovery in this matter.

26 2.6 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to  
27 the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a  
28 consultant in this Action.

1       2.7     “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” Information or  
2     Items: extremely sensitive “Confidential Information or Items,” disclosure of which to another  
3     Party or Non-Party would create a substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by  
4     less restrictive means.

5       2.8     Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal  
6     entity not named as a Party to this action.

7       2.9     Party: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees,  
8     consultants, retained experts, and Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).

9       2.10    Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery  
10    Material in this action.

11      2.11    Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services  
12    (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and  
13    organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and  
14    subcontractors.

15      2.12    Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as  
16    “CONFIDENTIAL,” or as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.”

17      2.13    Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a  
18    Producing Party.

19      3.      SCOPE

20      The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material  
21    (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2)  
22    all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony,  
23    conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.  
24    However, the protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order do not cover the following  
25    information: (a) any information that is in the public domain at the time of disclosure to a  
26    Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain after its disclosure to a Receiving Party as  
27    a result of publication not involving a violation of this Order, including becoming part of the  
28    public record through trial or otherwise; and (b) any information known to the Receiving Party

1 prior to the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure from a source who  
2 obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Designating  
3 Party. Protected material includes documents identified as “Confidential” or “Highly  
4 Confidential” prior to the date of executing this protective order. Any use of Protected Material  
5 at trial shall be governed by a separate agreement or order.

6 **4. DURATION**

7 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by  
8 this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court  
9 order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all  
10 claims and defenses in this action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after  
11 the completion and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this  
12 action, including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time  
13 pursuant to applicable law.

14 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

15 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party  
16 or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care  
17 to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards.  
18 To the extent it is practical to do so, the Designating Party must designate for protection only  
19 those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify – so  
20 that other portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is  
21 not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

22 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are  
23 shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to  
24 unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process or to impose unnecessary  
25 expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

26 If it comes to a Designating Party’s attention that information or items that it designated  
27 for protection do not qualify for protection at all or do not qualify for the level of protection  
28 initially asserted, that Designating Party must promptly notify all other parties that it is

1 withdrawing the mistaken designation.

2       5.2     Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order,  
3 or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for  
4 protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or  
5 produced.

6           Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

7           (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but  
8 excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing  
9 Party affix the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’  
10 EYES ONLY” to each page that contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the  
11 material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the  
12 protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins) and must specify, for  
13 each portion, the level of protection being asserted.

14          A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents or materials available for inspection  
15 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which  
16 material it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all  
17 of the material made available for inspection shall be deemed “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
18 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants  
19 copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof,  
20 qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the  
21 Producing Party must affix the appropriate legend (“CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
22 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”) to each page that contains Protected  
23 Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the  
24 Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate  
25 markings in the margins) and must specify, for each portion, the level of protection being  
26 asserted.

27           (b) for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings, that the  
28 Designating Party identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, hearing, or other

1 proceeding, all protected testimony and specify the level of protection being asserted. When it is  
 2 impractical to identify separately each portion of testimony that is entitled to protection and it  
 3 appears that substantial portions of the testimony may qualify for protection, the Designating  
 4 Party may invoke on the record (before the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding is  
 5 concluded) a right to have up to 21 days to identify the specific portions of the testimony as to  
 6 which protection is sought and to specify the level of protection being asserted. Only those  
 7 portions of the testimony that are appropriately designated for protection within the 21 days shall  
 8 be covered by the provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order. Alternatively, a Designating  
 9 Party may specify, at the deposition or up to 21 days afterwards if that period is properly  
 10 invoked, that the entire transcript shall be treated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
 11 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.”

12 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other  
 13 tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the  
 14 container or containers in which the information or item is stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL”  
 15 or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”. If only a portion or portions  
 16 of the information or item warrant protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall  
 17 identify the protected portion(s) and specify the level of protection being asserted.

18 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to  
 19 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party’s  
 20 right to secure protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a  
 21 designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is  
 22 treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

23 **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

24 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of  
 25 confidentiality at any time, including designations as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
 26 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating  
 27 Party’s confidentiality designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness,  
 28 unnecessary economic burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does

1 not waive its right to challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge  
2 promptly after the original designation is disclosed.

3       6.2    Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution  
4 process by providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis  
5 for each challenge. The parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith and must  
6 begin the process by conferring directly (in voice to voice dialogue; other forms of  
7 communication are not sufficient) within 14 days of the date of service of notice. In conferring,  
8 the Challenging Party must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality designation was  
9 not proper and must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the designated material,  
10 to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain the basis  
11 for the chosen designation. A Challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of the challenge  
12 process only if it has engaged in this meet and confer process first or establishes that the  
13 Designating Party is unwilling to participate in the meet and confer process in a timely manner.

14       6.3    Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
15 intervention, the Designating Party shall file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality within  
16 21 days of the parties agreeing in writing that the meet and confer process will not resolve their  
17 dispute. Each such motion must be accompanied by a competent declaration affirming that the  
18 movant has complied with the meet and confer requirements imposed in the preceding  
19 paragraph. The parties may agree to extend the time to file a motion. Failure by the Designating  
20 Party to make such a motion including the required declaration within the time specified shall  
21 automatically waive the confidentiality designation for each challenged designation; however,  
22 the Designating Party can be relieved of any such waiver by the Court for good cause shown. In  
23 addition, the Challenging Party may file a motion challenging a confidentiality designation  
24 within twenty-one days of the parties agreeing in writing that the meet and confer process will  
25 not resolve their dispute, including a challenge to the designation of a deposition transcript or  
26 any portions thereof. Any motion brought pursuant to this provision must be accompanied by a  
27 competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet and confer  
28 requirements imposed by the preceding paragraph.

1        The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating  
2 Party. Frivolous challenges and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose  
3 unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to  
4 sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived the confidentiality designation by failing to  
5 file a motion to retain confidentiality as described above, all parties shall continue to afford the  
6 material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's  
7 designation until the court rules on the challenge.

8        **7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

9        7.1        Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed  
10 or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this case only for  
11 prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be  
12 disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order.  
13 When the litigation has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of  
14 section 13 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

15        Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and  
16 in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

17        7.2        Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise  
18 ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may  
19 disclose any information or item designated “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

20                (a) the Receiving Party's Counsel of Record in this action, as well as employees of said  
21 Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this  
22 litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is  
23 attached hereto as Exhibit A;

24                (b) the officers, directors, and employees of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is  
25 reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and  
26 Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

27                (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is  
28 reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and

1 Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

2 (d) the court and its personnel;

3 (e) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, and Professional  
4 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the  
5 "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

6 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is reasonably  
7 necessary and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit  
8 A), unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of  
9 transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material must be  
10 separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted  
11 under this Stipulated Protective Order.

12 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or  
13 other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

14 7.3 Disclosure of "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY"

15 Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the  
16 Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated  
17 "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" only to:

18 (a) the Receiving Party's Counsel of Record in this action, as well as employees of said  
19 Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this  
20 litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is  
21 attached hereto as Exhibit A;

22 (b) Experts of the Receiving Party (1) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this  
23 litigation, and (2) who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit  
24 A);

25 (c) the court and its personnel;

26 (d) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, and Professional  
27 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the  
28 "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A); and

(e) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

(f) Plaintiff's counsel shall be permitted to show any statements made by a plaintiff with that plaintiff, regardless of whether such statements are designated "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY". However, Plaintiff's counsel agrees that it shall exercise due care to assure that Plaintiff is not privy to any other information, including but not limited to the names of other inmates and staff, that may be present in material designated as "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY."

**8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN  
OTHER LITIGATION**

If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”:

(a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

(b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and

(c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” before a determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

1 **9. A NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE PRODUCED IN**  
2 **THIS LITIGATION**

3 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party in  
4 this action and designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
5 ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY". Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with  
6 this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these  
7 provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

8 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a  
9 Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement  
10 with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:

11 1. promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that  
12 some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-  
13 Party;

14 2. promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated Protective  
15 Order in this litigation, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of  
16 the information requested; and

17 3. make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party.

18 (c) If the Non-Party fails to object or seek a protective order from this court within 14  
19 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce  
20 the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party  
21 timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its  
22 possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a  
23 determination by the court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the  
24 burden and expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

25 **10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

26 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected  
27 Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective  
28 Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the

1 unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the  
 2 Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were  
 3 made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the  
 4 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The  
 5 notification to the Designating Party must include a detailed description of how the inadvertent  
 6 disclosure occurred. Designating Party has the right to seek sanctions, if appropriate, at any time  
 7 against the Receiving Party for inadvertent disclosure, which may include a request for an order  
 8 to return all Protected Material and prohibit any further use by the Receiving Party. Moreover,  
 9 nothing in this Order shall either confer liability, or relieve the Receiving Party from any  
 10 liability, for any injuries, legal proceedings or damages arising from the inadvertent disclosure of  
 11 Protected Material.

12. **INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE**  
**PROTECTED MATERIAL**

14 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently  
 15 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the  
 16 Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This  
 17 provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery  
 18 order that provides for production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of  
 19 Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a  
 20 communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product  
 21 protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order  
 22 submitted to the court.

23. **MISCELLANEOUS**

24. 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to  
 25 seek its modification by the court in the future.

26. 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective  
 27 Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any  
 28 information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly,

1 no Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material  
2 covered by this Protective Order.

3       12.3 Filing Protected Material. Without written permission from the Designating Party  
4 or a court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file in  
5 the public record in this action or any other action or proceeding any Protected Material. A Party  
6 that seeks to file under seal any Protected Material must comply with the local rules. Protected  
7 Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the  
8 specific Protected Material at issue. A sealing order will issue only upon a request establishing  
9 that the Protected Material at issue is privileged, protectable as a trade secret, or otherwise  
10 entitled to protection under the law. If a Receiving Party's request to file Protected Material  
11 under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the Protected Material in the  
12 public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

13       **13. FINAL DISPOSITION**

14       Within 60 days after the final disposition of this action, as defined in paragraph 4, each  
15 Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such  
16 material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts,  
17 compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected  
18 Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all  
19 pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda,  
20 correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and  
21 consultant and expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such  
22 archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective  
23 Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION).

24       14. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as limiting in any way the California  
25 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) from utilizing any material designated or  
26 produced under this Order in its normal or usual course of operations.

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28       IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

1 Date: January 30, 2025

JUSTICE FIRST

2 /s/ Jenny Huang

3 By: Jenny C. Huang  
4 Attorney for Plaintiff Derek Matthews

5 Date: January 30, 2025

6 /s/ Audra Call

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## EXHIBIT A

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in the case of *MATTHEWS v. TOUT, ET AL.*, CASE No. 2:22-cv-01329 DJC CSK I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order.

I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of  
\_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address and telephone number]  
California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any  
proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date:

City and State where sworn and signed:

Printed name: [printed name]